

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3602–3614; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 256, and H. Res. 404 were introduced. **Pages H1853–54**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

Report on the Revised Suballocation of Budget Totals for fiscal year 1998 (H. Rept. 105–475); and

H. Res. 405, providing for consideration of H.R. 2400, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs (H. Rept. 105–476). **Page H1853**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Snowbarger to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1779**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:56 a.m. and reconvened at 11:00 p.m. **Page H1782**

Secret Session: By a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 227 nays, Roll No. 86, rejected the Obey motion that the House resolve itself into secret session, that the galleries be cleared of all persons and that the House Chamber be cleared of all persons except the Members of the House and those officers and employees specified by the Speaker whose attendance on the floor is essential to the functioning of the House and who subscribe to the notarized oath of confidentiality. **Page H1797**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House passed H.R. 3579, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998 by a yeas and nays vote of 212 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 88. **Pages H1797–H1824**

Rejected the Murtha motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment to strike Title II of the bill by a yeas and nays vote of 195 yeas to 224 nays, Roll No. 87. **Pages H1822–23**

Agreed to the Livingston amendment that provides \$20 million to the Community Development Block Grant Fund for use in states in the northeast impacted by the January 1998 ice storms and offset by a \$20 million rescission in the section 8 Housing Reserve Account. **Pages H1820–22**

H. Res. 402, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 220 yeas to 199 nays, Roll No. 85. Pursuant to the rule, three amendments printed in part 1 of H. Rept. 105–473, the report accompanying the rule

were considered as adopted. These amendments prevent the Corps of Engineers from depositing fill on the site where the Kennewick Man remains were discovered in the State of Washington prior to the final disposition of a District Court lawsuit; express the Sense of the House concerning fiscal responsibility and reducing spending to offset supplemental appropriations; and replaces a \$243.6 million rescission of FAA Grants-In-Aid contract authority with an offsetting rescission from the Section 8 Housing Reserve Account. **Pages H1786–97**

Financial Services Act of 1997: H. Res. 403, the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 10, to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, and other financial service providers was called up for consideration and subsequently withdrawn. **Pages H1824–31**

Presidential Message—B-2 Bomber Procurement: Read a message from the President wherein he certifies to the Congress that no additional B-2 bombers should be procured during this fiscal year—referred to the Committees on Appropriations and National Security and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–236). **Page H1831**

Order of Business—Credit Union Membership Access Act: It was made in order that notwithstanding clause 1 of rule XXVII, it be in order at any time on Wednesday, April 1, 1998, for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill H.R. 1151, Credit Union Membership Access Act. **Page H1850**

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page 1782.

Referral: S. 1751, to extend the deadline for submission of a report by the Commission to Assess the Organization of the Federal Government to Combat the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, was referred to the Committee on International Relations and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. **Page H1850**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One quorum call (Roll No. 89), three yeas and nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1796–97, H1797, H1823, H1824, and H1827.

Adjournment: Met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the U.S. Trade Representative, and the International Trade Administration. Testimony was heard from Doris Meissner, Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; Charlene Barshefsky, U.S. Trade Representative; and David Aaron, Ambassador, Under Secretary, International Trade, Department of Commerce.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the National Park Service and the National Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Robert Stanton, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and Michael Dombeck, Chief, Forest Service, USDA.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on Vocational and Adult Education, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Educational Research and Improvements and the Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Education: Patricia W. McNeil, Assistant Secretary, Vocational and Adult Education; Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary, Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; Ricky T. Takai, Acting Assistant Secretary, Educational Research and Improvement; and Steven A. McNamara, Acting Inspector General.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA-HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NASA. Testimony was heard from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, NASA.

COUNTERFEITING INCREASE—PERSONAL COMPUTERS

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy held a hearing to examine the increase in counterfeiting using personal computers. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Thomas Ferguson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; and Dennis F. Lynch, Special Agent in Charge, Counterfeit Division, U.S. Secret Service.

JOINT BUDGET RESOLUTION

Committee on the Budget: Task Force on Budget Process held a hearing on Joint Budget Resolution (Should the Budget be a Law?). Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FCC REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing on reauthorization of the FCC. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FCC: William E. Kennard, Chairman, Susan Ness, Harold W. Furchtgott-Roth, Michael K. Powell and Gloria Tristani, all Commissioners; Robert P. Murphy, General Counsel, GAO; and a public witness.

WORKPLACE COMPETITIVE ISSUES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on American Work Project: Workplace Competitive Issues. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodling; John R. Fraser, Acting Administrator, Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

FOREIGN CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Held a hearing on FEC Enforcement Actions: Foreign Campaign Contributions and Other FECA Violations. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: Scott E. Thomas, Vice Chairman; Lawrence M. Noble, General Counsel; Lois Lerner, Associate General Counsel; and Jose Rodriguez, Staff Attorney.

COUNTER-NARCOTICS POLICY—COLOMBIA

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on U.S. Counter-Narcotics Policy Towards Colombia. Testimony was heard from Randy Beers, Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command, Department of Defense; Gen. Jose Serrano, Director General, National Police, Colombia; and public witnesses.